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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

No changes to the drawings.

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REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the courteous and complete examination of the application by the Examiner. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, a reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 21 and 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bersten in view of Portman, and objects to claim 22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 22 has been canceled and claim 21 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of the canceled claim 21. The newly amended claim 21 incorporates the allowable claim language from canceled claim 22, thereby overcoming the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection. Claims 23-27 are now in condition for allowance since they depend upon amended claim 21.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claim 22 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

With the above amendments being fully responsive to all outstanding rejections and formal requirements, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that there are further issues which might be resolved by means of telephone interview, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at 403-547-1592.

Respectfully Submitted,



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